

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 29.2624

Width, as an element of quality, does not apply to tobacco in strip form. (See chart, § 29.2601.)

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ELEMENTS OF QUALITY

§ 29.2601 Elements of quality and degrees of each element.

Tobacco attributes or characteristics which constitute quality are designated as elements of quality. The range within each element is expressed by words or terms designated as degrees. These degrees are arranged to show their relative value and are used in determining the quality of tobacco. The actual value of each degree varies with group.

Elements	Degrees
Body	Thin Medium Heavy.
Maturity	Immature Mature Ripe.
Leaf structure	Close Firm Open.
Oil	Lean Oily Rich.
Elasticity	Inelastic Semielastic .. Elastic.
Strength	Weak Normal Strong.
Finish	Dull Clear Bright.
Color intensity.	Pale Moderate Deep.
Width	Narrow Normal Spready.
Uniformity.....	Expressed in percentages.
Injury tolerance.....	Expressed in percentages.

SIZES

§ 29.2606 Standard sizes.¹

Inches	Size
12-20	1
20-28	2
Over 28	3

¹The application of sizes is governed by the major portion of the lot or package.

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RULES

§ 29.2616 Rules.

The application of these official standard grades shall be in accordance with §§ 29.2617 through 29.2639.

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§ 29.2617 Rule 1.

Each grade shall be treated as a subdivision of a particular type. When the

grade is stated in an inspection certificate, the type also shall be stated.

§ 29.2618 Rule 2.

The determination of a grade shall be based upon a thorough examination of a lot of tobacco or of an official sample of the lot.

§ 29.2619 Rule 3.

In drawing an official sample from a hogshead or other package of tobacco, two or more breaks shall be made at such points and in such manner as the inspector or sampler may find necessary to determine the kinds of tobacco and the percentage of each kind contained in the lot. All breaks shall be made so that the tobacco contained in the center of the package is visible to the sampler. Tobacco shall be drawn from at least two breaks from which a representative sample shall be selected.

§ 29.2620 Rule 4.

All standard grades must be clean.

§ 29.2621 Rule 5.

The grade assigned to any lot of tobacco shall be a true representation of the tobacco at the time of inspection and certification. If, at any time, it is found that a lot of tobacco does not comply with the specifications of the grade previously assigned it shall not thereafter be represented as such grade.

§ 29.2622 Rule 6.

A lot of tobacco on the marginal line between two colors shall be placed in the color with which it best corresponds with respect to body or other associated elements of quality.

§ 29.2623 Rule 7.

Any lot of tobacco which meets the specifications of two grades shall be placed in the higher grade. Any lot of tobacco on the marginal line between two grades shall be placed in the lower grade.

§ 29.2624 Rule 8.

A lot of tobacco meets the specifications of a grade when it is not lower in any degree of any element of quality